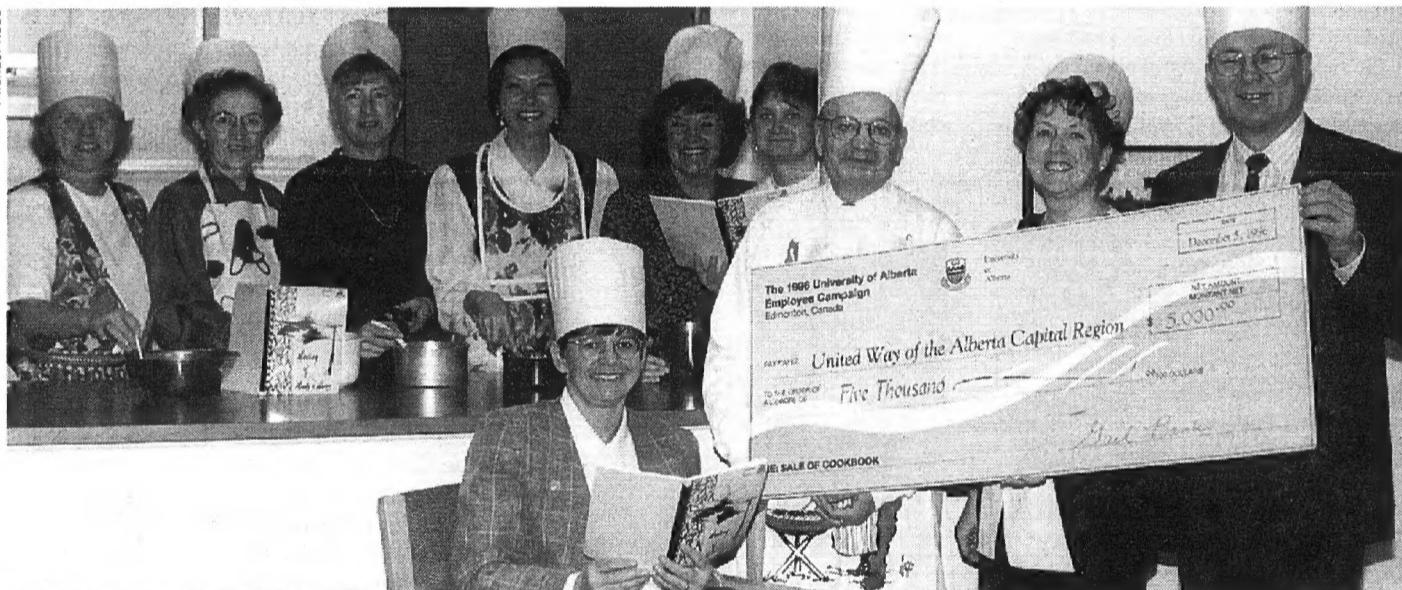


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Michael Robb



## COOKIN' WITH THE UNITED WAY

They say too many cooks spoil the broth—but not in this case. The U of A United Way Cookbook committee raised \$5,000 for the United Way with the sale of the popular U of A cookbooks. The committee came up with the idea, collected and organized the recipes, published the book and spent countless hours selling the books. Cookin' up a storm are, from left to right, committee members Joyce Assen, Deirdre Cartledge, Marne Edwards, Beatrice Lee, Nancy Smiley and Sharon Schultz. United Way co-chairs Sandra Kereliuk, Myer Horowitz and John Berry (far right) were on hand last week to receive the cheque from committee member Gail Bamber (second from right). Absent from the photograph are Sheryl Neuman, Georgina Burstow and Carol Fowlie. The cookbooks are still available in the SUB bookstore for \$10.

## Now possible to apply for admission to U of A on the web

By Bonnie Neuman

Students can now apply for admission to the University of Alberta on the world wide web.

"New technologies offer new ways to promote the University to prospective students and one of these is through the Registrar's world wide web home page," says Associate Registrar Bonnie Neuman. "It includes information about programs, admissions advising, information for international students, a complete copy of the University Calendar and timetable and now a WWW application for admission."

Neuman, Sandra Jenkins, Gerald Oskoboiny and Claire Burke worked on various components of the Registrar's WWW home page and application project. According to Jenkins "the WWW application was put in place to make application to the University a friendly process." Students

with an internet connection can apply via the new electronic application on the internet, 24 hours a day, 7 days week. The website also has helpful information about programs, admissions requirements, awards and housing information.

Susan Main, Assistant Registrar, Recruitment and College Liaison, says this is only one of a number of improvements to recruitment implemented this fall. "The Registrar's Office and Student Awards has completely rewritten and redesigned the University's recruitment and awards publications" she says, adding that a number of Faculties are also designing attractive and informative materials to provide information about their programs in more depth.

As well, Main points out, University and Faculty scholarship programs are expanding to improve the U of A's competitive posi-

tion for attracting the highest achievers. Hopes are pinned on major results from the University Campaign to increase funding to a level comparable to competitors such as UBC and the University of Toronto. Recruitment officers from the Registrar's office are visiting schools in Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia as well as Alberta this fall, using PowerPoint multi-media presentations to promote the UofA.

When OASIS (the new student information system) is launched, current plans call for an expansion of the WWW applications to include applications for re-admission, course registration, application for awards, and application and attendance at convocation.

The campus community can see the home page at:

<http://www.registrar.ualberta.ca>

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## Roger Smith appointed acting VP

By Michael Robb

Roger Smith has been appointed Acting Vice-President (Research and External Affairs) for an 18-month period. He begins 1 January 1997.

"I am delighted that Roger has accepted this position at such an exciting and challenging time in our history. He brings with him a wealth of administrative and academic experience," President Rod Fraser said last week.

"His leadership during a period of rapid development in the Faculty of Business, including its successful fundraising campaign in the late '80s, clearly holds him in good stead as we approach the official launch of the largest fundraising campaign in the University of Alberta's history." Dr Smith is a professor of economics with a joint appointment in the Faculties of Business and Arts.

The President of the University of Alberta told General Faculties Council, 2 December, that he wanted to appoint an acting Vice-President (Research and External Affairs) as soon as possible. He said that he wanted to set in motion a full search committee process as well.

Dr Smith replaces Martha Piper, Vice-President (Research and External Affairs), who was appointed the University of British Columbia's next president and will succeed David Strangway in July 1997.

President Rod Fraser told GFC that there is a very important year coming up. If anyone in the campus community has some views on the process of nominating a new Vice-President, they should make those views known earlier rather than later, the President advised.

Dr Smith has served as Acting Vice-President (Academic), 1994-95; Associate Vice-President (Academic), 1992-94; and as Dean of the Faculty of Business for ten years from 1978-88. He also serves as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Banff School of Management and Chair of the Winspear Foundation.

# Must continue to be recruitment/scholarship oriented, says Vice-President Doug Owram

## 1997/98 budget principles approved by General Faculties Council

By Michael Robb

General Faculties Council has endorsed 10 general principles that will be used by the University administration to guide its formulation of the 1997/98 budget.

Those principles closely resemble ones used last year.

At the regular GFC meeting, 2 December, Vice-President (Academic) Doug Owram and Vice-President (Finance and Administration) Glenn Harris suggested that the 1997/98 budget would be a little more flexible than the previous year's budget. Harris suggested it's possible the base budget grant from the provincial government may actually increase by 1.2 to 2 percent.

"We're beginning to find some room to manoeuvre," Dr Owram said. Nevertheless, enrolment is going to continue to be a struggle, he warned. The University has to keep its numbers up, he said, and its efforts to recruit top students and offer more scholarships must continue. Right now, the University is just about full at the undergraduate level, he said.

Association of Academic Staff President Ruben Kaufman said there is always a worry that by setting enrolment targets for budgetary reasons, the University would end up admitting students with standards lower than the University wants.

Here are the 1997/98 budget principles endorsed by GFC:

- The 1997/98 budget will be constructed as a balanced budget.
- The consolidated budget presented for approval will include all aspects of the University's operations.
- Budget decisions will take into account all funds that are available and all costs that are incurred in the delivery of programs and services.

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- Each unit's approved budget will be accompanied by operating plans and objectives which have been discussed with and approved by the appropriate Vice-President.
- Operating units will be treated selectively in the budget process, in accordance with explicit criteria.
- Budget responsibility will continue to be delegated, to the extent practical, to the point where operational decisions are made.
- The University will strive to protect the resources allocated to operating units in the approved budget by making provision for unfavourable variances in revenue and expenditure that may arise during the year.
- The budget process will ensure information is provided by operating units describing performance against approved budgets and operating plans.
- The consolidated budget presentation is to be prepared using the same principles and general format as the University's financial statements, and provide supplementary schedules to

address the information needs of all those involved in the budget approval process.

- Any reallocation of resources will occur explicitly.

In related news, the administration also tabled a business plan outline. The provincial government now requires the University to submit three-year business plans. This most recent document is expected to form the basis for discussions at senior University committees and the Board of Governors.

In the document, administrators warn that current salary levels are clearly not competitive. Following a five percent reduction, the U of A's salaries are now \$5,000 below the Canadian average. The University estimates at least \$7 million is required to compete in the market for new faculty.

The University estimates that between 1996 and 2001, 475 tenure track positions will have to be filled.

The document also outlines the University's student recruitment and infrastructure needs over the next several years. ■



## LAURELS

### ■ FOUR U OF A PROFS ELECTED TO ROYAL SOCIETY

At ceremonies held recently in Ottawa, the Royal Society of Canada elected over 60 new Fellows. Among them were four University of Alberta professors: Regula Qureshi (Music); Jacob Masliyah (Chemical Engineering); Dennis Vance (Biochemistry); and, Nicole Tomczak-Jaegermann (Mathematics).

The Society's mandate is to promote and develop learning and research in the arts and sciences.

Dr Qureshi was elected to the Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences. Drs Masliyah, Vance and Tomczak-Jaegermann were elected to the Academy of Science.

### ■ FORMER PRESIDENT RECOGNIZED

Professor of Education Myer Horowitz was recently presented with a special award from the Early Childhood Education Council of the Alberta Teachers' Association. The award was presented to recognize Dr Horowitz's valuable contributions to the field of early childhood education.

### ■ MATHEMATICIAN HONOURED

Andy Liu (Mathematical Sciences) recently received the 1996 David Hilbert International Award, awarded by the World Federation of National Mathematics Competitions. The Hilbert Award was established to recognize contributions of mathematicians who have played a significant role in the development of mathematical challenges at the international level and have encouraged mathematical learning.

### ■ TASTE TEST TRIUMPH

A team of four undergraduate students recently competed in the 75th Annual International Dairy Products Evaluation Contest, sponsored by the Dairy and Food Industry Supply Association of Washington, DC.

"Considering the team had less than three weeks for learning and practice, the results achieved were outstanding," says team coach Paul Jelen (Agricultural, Food and Nutritional Science).

Team member Shauna Burgers placed second in the ice-cream competition and the team placed third among the 13 teams. Perhaps more significantly, Burgers finished seventh overall in the all-product contest and the team finished sixth overall. The results were the teams' best ever in the 18-year history of participation. Other team members were: Sophie Dumoulin, Lisa Leung and Sharon McDaniel.

## Remembering the victims

By Deborah Johnston

About 200 people gathered in Central Academic Building, 6 December, to remember the 14 young women who were murdered in Montréal seven years ago.

"It's important to remember," said Cara Anderson, spokesperson for the 6 December Memorial Committee. "We do it to remember all women who've been affected by violence."

Fellow engineering students, all women, lit candles for each of the victims: Genevieve Bergeron, Helene Colgan, Nathalie Croteau, Barbara Daigneault, Anne-Marie Edward, Maud Haviernick, Barbara Maria Klueznick, Maryse Laganiere, Maryse Leclair, Anne-Marie Lemay, Sonia Pelletier, Michele Richard, Annie St.-Arneault and Annie Turcotte.

First-year medical student Brian Loe said, "I think it's important to remember because I really want to show support for women's rights and have them know all men don't have the same attitudes."

Speech pathology student Karyn Morrison

said she believes the gunman killed the 14 engineering students because they were women in a "man's field". She added that she will always commemorate the tragedy because "it could very well have been me. I just happened to have chosen another field."



People on campus took time out to remember the victims of an insane act.

## Tis the season...to close some buildings

### Christmas break means few buildings will be open, advises Physical Plant

By Kevin Moodie

The Department of Physical Plant advises the University community that most on-campus facilities will close at 4:30 pm Tuesday, 24 December, and reopen at 8 am Thursday, 2 January.

As was the case last year, if any unit is planning to be open at all during this period, arrangements must be made with Physical Plant as soon as possible.

- These facilities are scheduled to be open
- Clinical Sciences Building (U of A Hospitals operations only)
  - University Extension Centre (Commercial units only)
  - HUB Mall (some commercial outlets)
  - University Health Services (9 am - 4 pm 30 December)
  - Clare Drake Arena (hockey tournament)
  - Athabasca Hall (Fund Development Offices)
  - Housing and Food Services (residences and Lister Hall)

#### • Tennis Centre

(Michener Park Location)

University of Alberta staff and students who have keys may still enter the buildings to do work. There will be power in all the outlets and lights can be switched on in individual offices. The heating systems will remain in operation, but the ventilation systems will be working at a reduced capacity. Cleaning staff will not be working in any of the closed facilities.

As limited cleaning services will be available 24 December, Physical Plant asks staff to take any waste in their area to a central collection point, such as a general office or the washrooms. Staff should also arrange to look after their plants as only those flowers and plants in public areas will be watered.

Physical Plant and Campus Security Services will maintain their 24-hour emergency services, and Physical Plant will continue to monitor facilities for emergen-

cies, equipment failure, water leaks, etc., and will respond to major snowfalls to ensure that campus access is maintained.

Building occupants are asked to do what they can to prevent potential problems and to minimize energy costs. This includes turning off all lights and equipment; and firmly closing all exterior windows. Please review your department's emergency call-back procedures in the event you are called.

All departments and researchers whose equipment is monitored by Physical Plant are asked to be certain that their call-back lists contain the most current information and that they have forwarded all changes to the Physical Plant Communications Control Centre.

Any questions/concerns on the Christmas closure of facilities can be raised by calling 492-4210. ■

Kevin Moodie is Associate Director, Building Operations.

# Outstanding Saskatchewan student chooses University of Alberta

**Receiving Chancellor's Citation Scholarship figured in her decision**

By Michael Robb

Saskatchewan's largest export is wheat. It's most valuable export is people.

During the 1995/96 winter session, about 440 people from Saskatchewan were enrolled at the U of A.

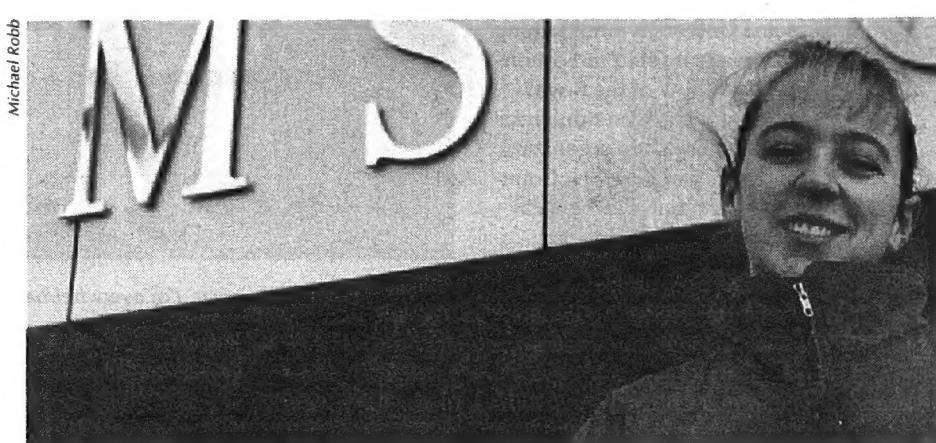
This year, one of Saskatchewan's most outstanding high school graduates, Rachel Peake, a Shaunavon native, who graduated with a 95 percent average, decided she wanted to study drama here.

Make that 441.

The first-year student, a recipient of the Chancellor's Citation Scholarship, considered two schools: the U of A and the much closer University of Regina. The ability to return home on the weekends for a home-cooked meal was appealing, but in the end the U of A won the day. Here's how.

It began with a friend, who urged her to consider the U of A. She provided Peake with some information. Then, Peake and another friend travelled to Edmonton last May to see for themselves what the University had to offer. Her friend enrolled in the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine. Peake, meanwhile, found out that she would receive the Chancellor's Citation, worth \$15,000 over four years, if she attended. That tipped the balance.

Says Peake, "The U of A had more to offer. It's a bigger school. There are more extracurricular activities and clubs. Ed-



Rachel Peake: A recruitment coup.

monton is a bigger city. And the interest in the fine arts here is very strong."

She didn't know just how strong the Department of Drama is and a lot about the Timms Centre for the Arts. Nor did she know just how vibrant the theatre scene was in Edmonton, although she had heard of Edmonton's Fringe Festival.

Now that she's here, Peake believes she's made the right decision. She plans to study drama, wants to learn all about the behind-the-scenes activities and remain open to innumerable possibilities. "I want to act; I don't know whether in film or theatre at this point."

Peake was active in her high school drama club and studied music and voice. In her second last year, she participated in an exchange program in the south of France, where she honed her French language skills. That experience, she says, was wonderful: it was hard work doing school work in a second language. The place where she studied was also a larger city and that, she believes, helped her adapt to bigger city life in Edmonton and make the transition from small-town Saskatchewan to big-city Alberta. But, she admits, she's been subjected to a lot of anti-Saskatchewan jokes. ■

## Appointment completes Finance/Administration team

**Efficient, cost-effective service stressed**

By David Holehouse



Nazim Merali,  
new Associate  
Vice-President  
(Finance)

Restructuring at Finance and Administration in University Hall moves a step closer to completion in January, when Nazim Merali arrives on campus to take up duties as Associate Vice-President (Finance).

Merali was Chief Financial Officer with Caritas Health Group in Edmonton. He joins three other Associate VPs in heading up the four broad responsibilities of the portfolio: Finance, Learning Support Systems, Human Resources and Operations/Physical Resources.

"We have had a tremendous opportunity to renew the leadership across the entire portfolio," said Glenn Harris, Vice-President (Finance and Administration). "We started about a year ago, when we set

up the Learning Support Group under Ernie Ingles; the aim is to place under common leadership, and integrate the capabilities of, a number of units that previously were more independent. It will allow us to become more focussed on a strategic approach to our activities. It will allow us to develop a coordinated approach to rethinking the learning infrastructure of the University."

Merali will face expectations of providing high-level leadership to his group, along with a significant improvement in service and a focus on a strategic approach to financial planning. He joins a team of leaders who Mr Harris said share an ability to see the big picture and a track record of creativity and innovation.

The campus looks to them for action, Harris said, and that's already starting to happen. His office is working with the Students' Union on production of course packs that provide material tailored to individual

courses. There's some devolution of responsibility for decision-making through distribution of credit cards that allow other individuals on campus to purchase smaller-value items without depending on Finance and Administration. An administrative systems redevelopment project will provide more effective front-line support to ease localized purchasing and budgeting.

"We have to contribute to all of the President's goals," said Harris. "The obligation is to reduce costs where efficiencies can be realized, and reallocate resources where we know they can be more useful. And we want to be much more clear about reaching our priorities."

Harris' office tends to provide services that are behind the scenes and out of the spotlight, which means their value to the working of the campus is often not fully understood or appreciated. That's something Harris hopes to change. ■

## OTHER ARTS SUPERSTARS...

- Heather Badie, BFA Art and Design Program
  - Max Wyman Memorial Entrance Scholarship
  - Faculty of Arts Entrance Scholarship
  - Alumni Association Academic Excellence Scholarship
  - The Jake and Ruth Superstein Leadership Scholarship
- Leslie Church, BA Program
  - Max Wyman Memorial Entrance Scholarship
  - Faculty of Arts Entrance Scholarship
  - International Baccalaureate Diploma Scholarship
- Johanna Crowther, BA Program
  - Max Wyman Memorial Entrance Scholarship
  - Faculty of Arts Entrance Scholarship
- Jelane Meehan, BA Program
  - Max Wyman Memorial Entrance Scholarship
- Scott Beddall, BA Program
  - The President's Scholarship in Arts
  - The Soren Bovbjerg Memorial Scholarship
  - Louise McKinney Postsecondary Scholarship
- Davis Foth, BA Program
  - Miller Western Entrance Scholarship
  - Faculty of Arts Entrance Scholarship
- Timothy Hill, BA Honors History Program
  - The Eugene Brody Scholarship in History
  - Louise McKinney Postsecondary Scholarship
- Lara Sarbit, BA Program
  - The Alumni Association Academic Excellence Scholarship
  - Faculty of Arts Entrance Scholarship
  - International Baccalaureate Diploma Scholarship
- Meaghan Schutt, BA Music Program
  - Louise McKinney Postsecondary Scholarship
  - The Richard Eaton Singers Scholarship in Voice
  - The Neil Primrose Scholarship in Voice
- Tara Dragon, BA Program
  - Miller Western Entrance Scholarship
  - Faculty of Arts Entrance Scholarship
- Patricia Miller, BA Program
  - The Alumni Association Academic Excellence Scholarship
  - Faculty of Arts Entrance Scholarship
- Sheldon Person, BA Program
  - The Elizabeth Imrie Memorial Scholarship
  - Faculty of Arts Entrance Scholarship
  - International Baccalaureate Diploma Scholarship
- John Roddick, BA Program
  - William and Mary Hawrysh Memorial Scholarship
  - Faculty of Arts Entrance Scholarship
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# Rutter and Sykes awarded University Professorships

**Only seven awarded in last 15 years**

By David Holehouse

Nathaniel Rutter, Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, and Brian Sykes, Department of Biochemistry, have been awarded University Professorships. The University Professorships are one of the U of A's most distinguished awards.

It is the first time in two years that the appointment has been made; the two professors join a list of eight honored since 1990.

Dr Rutter is involved in or leading a number of research projects, including climate history and dynamics, paleoclimates and amino acid dating techniques, loess and paleosol research with the Chinese Institute of Geology and the use of geographic information systems in mineral exploration. He is regarded as one of Canada's foremost scientists in the Quaternary geology community.

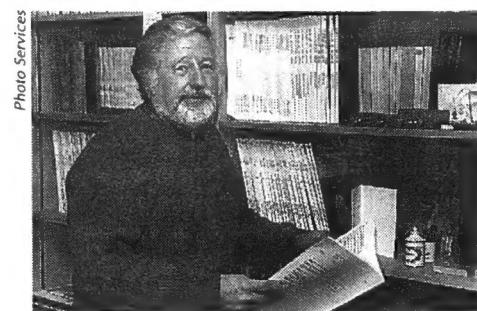
Dr Sykes is considered a pioneer in applying the techniques of nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy to biomedical problems. He is Director of the MRC Group in Protein Structure and Function, as well as Deputy Scientific Leader of the Protein Engineering Network of Centres of Excellence.

Dr Sykes earned his BSc Honors Chemistry from the University of Alberta

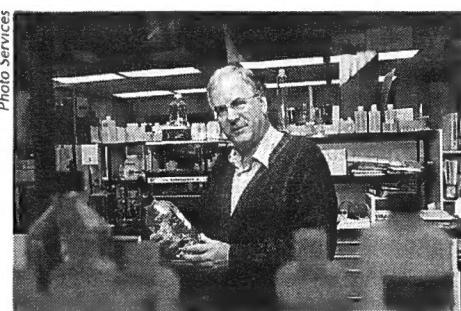
in 1965 and his PhD Physical Chemistry from Stanford University in 1969. He taught at Harvard University until joining the biochemistry teaching staff in Edmonton in 1975. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and has won numerous scholarships and awards from organizations such as the National Research Council of Canada, the Canadian Biochemical Society and the National Science and Engineering Research Council.

Dr Rutter also earned a degree from the U of A—his PhD in Geology in 1965 after 14 years of study in Massachusetts, Alaska and Greenland. He won the University of Alberta Graduate Fellowship in 1964-65 and then worked with the Geological Survey of Canada for nine years. He joined the teaching staff of the University of Alberta in 1975 and was Chairman and Professor of Geology from 1980 to 1989. He was awarded a Killam Annual Professorship in 1993-94, is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, and was awarded an Honorary Professorship from the Chinese Academy of Science in 1994.

People who receive the Professorships must distinguish themselves in each of the areas of scholarly research, teaching and



*Nathaniel Rutter: "It's great. I'm overwhelmed by the honour. I came here as a graduate student from Stanford, then I was lucky enough to come back as a professor, then as chairman of the department and now this! Right from when I first came here I have never looked back; the University has always treated me extremely well, as a student and as a staff member. It's a good place."*



*Brian Sykes: "I think it's really an honour, in terms of the small number of very impressive people like Werner Israel and Ray Lemieux who have won this. It's always very comforting to be honored by one's peers and by students, and this also sets a different stage for one's professional life. It reinforces my feeling of wanting to give back what I can to the University and the system."*

service to the University and the community at large. University Professors' scholarly work must receive international attention, and their teaching abilities and student supervision must be highly regarded as exceptional by colleagues and students alike. They must also be highly

regarded in the community, favoring both the individual and the University.

The General Faculties Council policy manual adds that the number of appointments will be small as a consequence of the very high standards required; only rarely will more than one appointment be made in any given year. ■

## A guide to marking: pinch the sparkle

By Christopher Levan

With the end of classes comes the twice yearly ritual of marking final assignments. Whether in the form of true and false tests, take-home examinations, 25 page essays, or lab reports, the University community goes into high gear evaluating this semester's crop of students.

The occupational hazard for everyone involved in this cyclone of educational feedback is to turn it into the spiritual and intellectual equivalent of optical scoring. Punch the buttons, register the black and white marks and spit out a final grade. Individual scholarship is lost and ingenuity goes unrecognized. If we are not vigilant, our evaluative systems will erase the benefits of learning and make the search for wisdom an irrelevant exercise.

Nevertheless, we can all feel the pressure building as the paper piles up in our mail box. (I wonder if Edmonton Power notices a spike in the power grid as faculty

burn the midnight oil in evaluating our 30,000 odd students.)

There is no cure for the "dis-ease" we feel as we gallop through the assessment of each mind and heart that occupied a seat in our classrooms. The marking schemes that looked so innocent and benign on the September course outline grow in magnitude, and for a few days or weeks they take over our lives.

When end of term panic threatens to blur my sense of purpose and proportion, I recall a tale told by my Uncle Jack—how he pinched the sparkle and experienced a miracle.

Back at the turn of the century, my family owned a small cottage by Lake Huron. Given the rudimentary stages of holiday practices in those days, "shack" or "hut" would be a better description. Each Saturday during the summer, my uncle Jack and Aunt Edna would travel to the beach for sun and sand, and my aunt presiding over the family court that inevitably grew around her.

My Aunt had two prized possessions, a parrot that could utter greetings in three languages (Jack taught it to swear as well!) and her diamond ring. The latter was a gift from Jack. It had been his mother's and grandmother's before Edna received it on their wedding day. The central stone was magnificent. In a household where the weekly rent became a matter of daily concern, the diamond stood out. As bright as it was extravagant, it might have been a mocking contrast to the poverty of Jack and Edna's lifestyle if it had not been so beautiful.

On one fateful July night when Edna was strolling the beach, the diamond slipped from its moorings and fell into the sand. Search as she might, it was hopeless.

The treasure was lost, and Edna was numb with shock. Her heirloom was gone, and not even the administration of several liberal drinks from her summer time neighbours could revive her spirits.

For the next few weekends, the subject of the lost diamond was the focus of beach side debates. Where had it gone? How long would it take to be ground down? Who might recover it in another age of humanity?

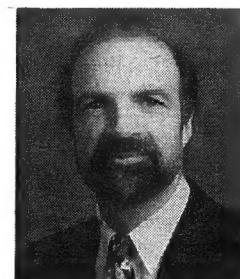
On the last Sunday of August, with the cottage almost boarded up for the summer, Jack went for a stroll down by the water. "Just to clear my head before the drive home." The moon was out, and its beams glanced off the crystalline edges of beach sand, sending a shower of sparks across the water. Jack watched this concert of light with delight but noticed how one particular sparkle was brighter and more persistent than the rest.

Bending down, Jack pinched the sparkle and, miracle of miracles, came up with Edna's diamond. ■

Great scholarship is not as scarce nor as impossible to locate as my aunt's diamond on the beach, but the exercise of honouring it is similar. The chief point in evaluations is to pick out the treasures, hold them up for honour, help their beauty to be reflected in the chill night air of cynicism. We are the discerning agents who are alert for the sparkles that shine out in the dark.

And they are there waiting—maybe even in that stack of papers by the door.

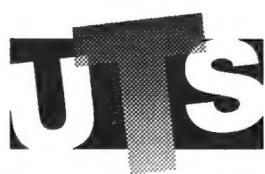
A regular salary is important, scholastic accolades are refreshing, but there is no greater reward for a teacher than to pinch a sparkle and come up with a diamond. ■



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Stephen's College.

## Chair selection committees: Faculty of Arts

The Faculty of Arts wishes to announce that chair selection committees have been established for the Departments of Economics, Philosophy and Psychology. The committees are prepared to receive nominations for the position of chair in each of these departments as well as comments from members of the University community. These should be addressed to Patricia Clements, Dean of Arts, 6-33 Humanities Centre. ■



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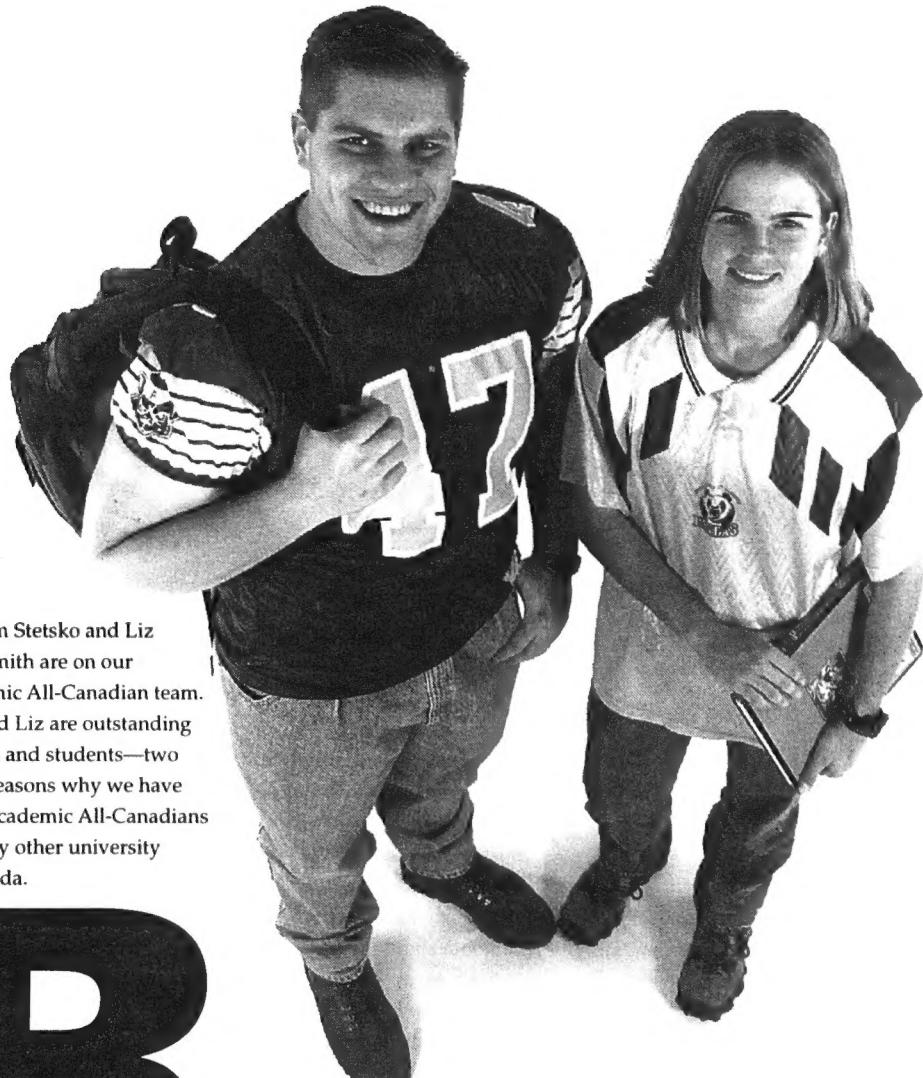
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# THE YEAR IN REVIEW: 1996



**S**am Stetsko and Liz Smith are on our Academic All-Canadian team. Sam and Liz are outstanding athletes and students—two of the reasons why we have more Academic All-Canadians than any other university in Canada.



**D**avid Cook, Margaret Ann Armour and David Cass have something other than science in common—they share a passion for teaching. They do this so well, this year they were awarded 3M Teaching Fellowships—Canada's top award for university teaching. The U of A has the most 3M Teaching Fellows in the Country.

# THE YEAR IN REVIEW: 1996

Stories by David Holehouse

**M**oney matters continued to dominate discussions and affect decisions on all fronts during 1996. Student and administration representatives met with the provincial government throughout the year to talk about the effect of funding cuts on postsecondary education. In March, the government announced that overall funding for post-secondary education would rise by \$52 million in 1996-97, and reductions in Federal transfer payments would not be passed on to universities. In March, the Board of Governors increased 1996-97 tuition fees by about 10 per cent.

In April, the University learned that six new programs supported by the province's ACCESS Fund would be funded. Jon Gerrard, the Secretary of State for Science, Research and Development, said he wanted to avoid further cuts to granting councils, but couldn't make any promises.

Later in the year, senior administrators told General Faculties Council the worst was over and other Canadian universities were about to endure funding cuts. The University's funding problems didn't stop it from hiring about 90 new faculty over the summer and registering a near-record number of students for 1996-97. Capital underfunding didn't get much better during 1996, but fund-raising and infrastructure programs launched by provincial and federal governments held out some hope.

The University prepared for a hiring boom; fully a third of the professoriate is expected to turn over in the next five years. President Rod Fraser said more attention must be paid to the 65 per cent of faculty who are not retiring and the other people who are helping make restructuring work. He told General Faculties Council that there's been a lot of success in other priority areas, such as research, restructuring and faculty renewal. Work remains to be done, he said, in student recruitment, exploring information and communications technology, and improving the learning environment and administrative processes.

By the end of the year, senior administrators could cautiously predict that the provincial operating grant for the 1997/98 year could increase by a modest one or two percent.

## UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA CAMPAIGN **Internal fundraising campaign launched**

In February, the University of Alberta launched the internal component of its upcoming fundraising campaign—expected to be launched this April and to be the University's largest fundraising campaign in its history. As the end of the year neared, the internal goal of \$1.8 million had surpassed the 90 per cent mark, pledged by staff and students, and members of the Senate, the Board of Governors and alumni. One of the Development Office's student canvassers rang up pledges totalling \$120,000 in just one night. And in April, the Graduate Students Association committed \$8 million over six years. Campaign organizers stated the major fundraising campaign would likely exceed \$140 million.

## **Making connections with the world**

**P**resident Fraser visited Mexico and Asia during the year, while Vice-President (Research and External Affairs) Martha Piper journeyed to Israel to stimulate student and research partnerships. In February, the President asked Ted Chambers, Director of the Centre for International Business, to develop an operating plan for internationalizing the University—an objective that could involve more student and faculty exchanges as well as research collaborations.

In March, Larry Wang, Professor of Biological Sciences, was appointed President's Advisor on International Affairs and charged with creating a roadmap for future activity.

President Rod Fraser



The Faculty of Law was involved in a three-year project to help train law professors and develop curriculum for the new Centre of Legal Studies in Kyiv, Ukraine. The Faculty of Agriculture, Forestry and Human Ecology helped develop a stronger agroforestry program at the University of Zimbabwe. The Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies—celebrating its 20th anniversary this year—agreed to manage a Canada-Ukraine Legislative Education Project, which will introduce Ukrainian legislators to democratic practices in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ottawa. The University is also helping Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology develop expertise in exploiting that country's natural gas resources.

## **Improving the learning environment**

**D**espite financial constraints, the University continued to create new and innovative programs for students. Early in the year, for example, the Faculty of Nursing became the first on campus to establish the position of Associate Dean (Teaching), to help ensure students benefit from the best learning environment possible. A Master of Arts program in East Asian Studies was approved by the General Faculties Council, to specialize initially in Chinese and Japanese literature and East Asian interdisciplinary studies. A joint degree for MBA students was created by the University and l'Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Grenoble to strengthen international business studies, and cooperative education programs continued to grow.

A gift from Hughes Canada allowed University health science faculties to link with people throughout the world through interactive audio, video, image and data transfer capabilities. The project, the first of its kind in Canada, initially allows health professionals at the University to consult with patients in the Lakeland Health Region. The opening of the Norma Freifield Reading Room at the Cameron Library provided the only 24-hour-access facility of its kind in Canada.

A new Fitness and Lifestyle Centre opened for students and staff in the old gymnastics gymnasium, while in May the Bibliothèque Faculté Saint-Jean reopened in new space. In October the University's Edmonton Research Station opened a new leading-edge facility for large animal surgery, and in November the new Print Study Centre opened in the Fine Arts Building to showcase a collection of 1,400 pieces spanning four centuries. The 10-year-old Institute for Stuttering Treatment and Research also moved into newer, bigger premises.

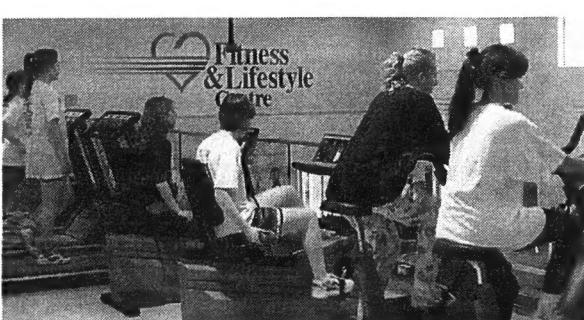
Academic Technologies for Learning (formerly Alternative Delivery Initiative) presented an open house and workshops to highlight its advances into new forms of distance and classroom delivery technology. Across campus, the new

Herbert T Coutts Library Multimedia Centre opened; users can preview a wide range of resources ranging from full text to video, from local collections to the Internet.

The Faculty of Education pooled resources with 16 partners to create the Adaptive Multimedia Education Enabler (AMEE), a family of computer products designed to provide universal access to distance learning.

In November, the Division of Technology in Education introduced a three-credit course on using the Internet, delivered completely over the Internet and quickly put to use by students across the region. The School of Mining and Petroleum Engineering, a division within the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, was created. In health sciences, a Postgraduate Diploma and a Master's of Science Degree Program in Health Promotion were approved. A graduate program in First Nations education was launched to serve aboriginal educators in June, and in September the English Language Program (Faculty of Extension) was preparing an English course for students wishing to enter graduate studies.

In the bright idea category: A Campus Security Services Bike Unit was formed, with eight special constables to patrol campus on a round-the-clock basis until October. The new ONEcard was launched in September, giving staff and students a new way to access services requiring authorization or money.



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Olive Dickason (History)  
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Tom Peacocke (Drama)  
*Order of Canada*

Gary Horlick (Chemistry)  
*Award in Spectrochemical Analysis, American Chemical Society*

Norm Dovichi (Chemistry)  
*Award in Chemical Instrumentation, American Chemical Society and the Outstanding Leadership in Alberta Technology Award*

Peter Smy (Electrical Engineering)  
*Rutherford Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching*

David Percy (Law)  
*Rutherford Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching*

Margaret Iveson (Language Arts)  
*Rutherford Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching*

Anil Walji (Biology)  
*Rutherford Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching*

Edwin Cossins (Biological Sciences)  
*Faculty of Science Award for Excellent Teaching*

Gordon Swaters (Mathematical Sciences)  
*Faculty of Science Research Award*

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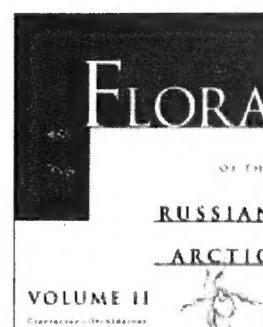
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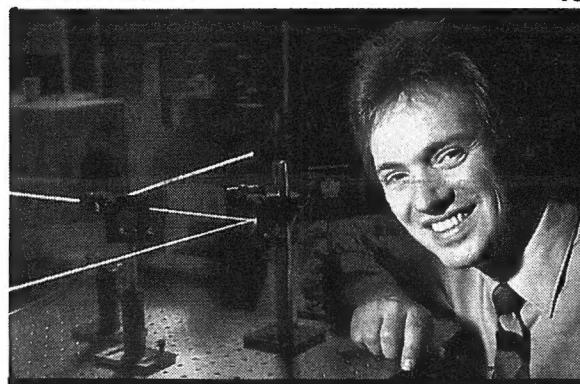
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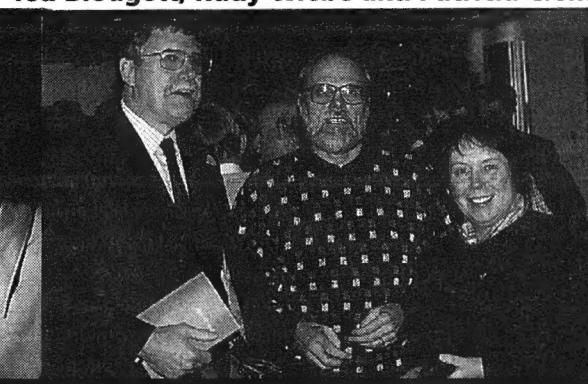
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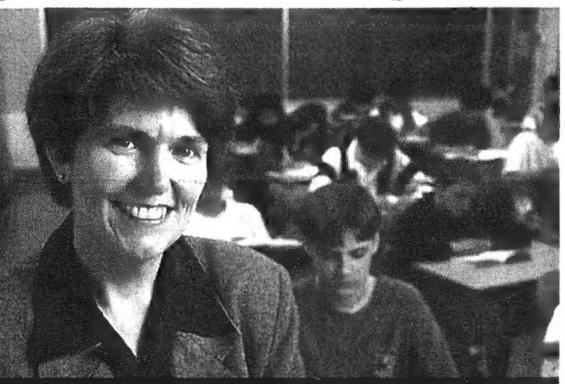
**Jed Harrison**



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**Margaret Iveson**



## Jobs, jobs, jobs...

In the hallways, in the classrooms, in the faculty councils, and in the visiting committees..discussions this year inevitably turned to jobs. The University sought more ways in 1996 to ensure that its students were being given the tools to find rewarding work after graduation. The first-ever comprehensive survey of graduates began in January, and by September the results showed that, after five years, graduates demonstrated that a U of A degree was generally a springboard to fulltime employment.

A survey by sociology professor Harvey Krahn showed in February that most Albertans felt very positive about the quality of education provided by the University of Alberta. Two-thirds or more agreed that students received a high quality education and that a university degree improves students' chances of rewarding, long term careers.

In June, the Senate struck a task force to study and report on the future job market for University of Alberta graduates, while the Faculty of Arts became involved in two initiatives focussed specifically on the employability skills of Arts grads. The Dean's Task Force on the Employability of Arts Graduates will document the intellectual, technical and personal skills acquired by arts graduates. At the same time, the Arts Faculty became the only one in Canada to join a Conference Board of Canada national forum, examining ways to enhance the employability skills of students.

## Research: making sense in '96

The University opened its doors to two major national research centres of excellence in 1996. The centres, funded by the Federal Government and other partners, are the Sustainable Forest Management Research Network of Centres of Excellence, and the Centre of Excellence for Research on Immigration and Integration. The centres link the University with researchers across the country as well as industry and community organizations, and provide millions of dollars in funding for ongoing research.

In March, the University of Alberta celebrated the previous year's third-place ranking in the country for the amount of NSERC grants it received. In the 1994-95 competitions, the amount was just over \$25.5 million. In August, the University announced that external research funding for 1995-96 reached \$101.7 million, up 7.5 per cent from a year before. The U of A joined an elite club: only four other universities in the country claim \$100 million or more in a year.

By October the University enjoyed the rare distinction of having representatives on all three major national research funding agencies.

The University's Industry Liaison Office moved into new, larger office space in Campus Tower. Sponsored research increased 20 per cent in the past three years, and during the past year led to the commercialization of U of A technologies worth \$927,000 to the campus.

Partnerships were a prominent theme in 1996, with the University signing a collaborative research agreement on

carbohydrate chemistry with the Alberta Research Council, and participating in efforts by Edmonton City Council to create blueprints for a "Smart City." Other important developments included:

- The University of Alberta Foundation received \$1.5 million from one family for Alzheimer's research.
  - CN gave \$300,000, much of which will be used by the Faculty of Law to create an innovative multi-use, technologically-advanced meeting and teaching space.
  - Syncrude and NSERC helped establish an Industrial Research Chair in Oil Sands.
  - The Alberta Stock Exchange donated \$250,000 to the Faculty of Business.
  - An endowment from agri-business helped fund a new cooperative Chair in Agricultural Marketing and Business.
  - Producers' funding supported the establishment of a Swine Nutrition Chair.
  - Nova and NSERC joined the University in creating a Senior Industrial Chair in Advanced Pipeline Materials.
- The University also took time to celebrate the research achievements of faculty, feting basic research; in January, 215 research projects were showcased at *Research Revelations 1996*.



**Bahia Abu-Laban**

# U of A students:

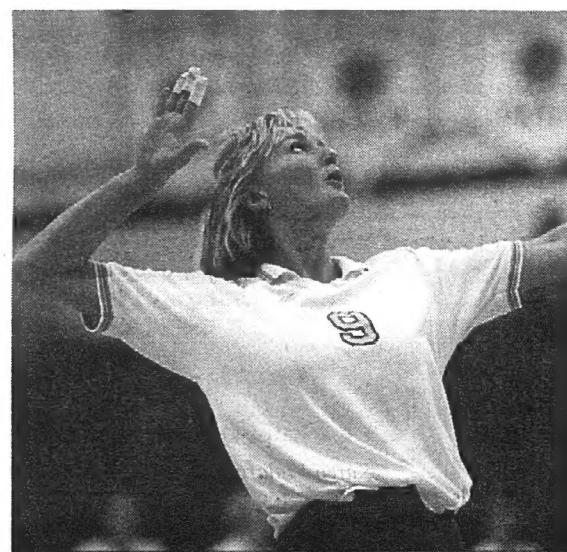
## Making a real impact on Alberta, Canada and the world

### In January...

- University Health Services introduced Books 'n Booze on the World Wide Web, to provide information and a self-assessment quiz to students interested in the effects of alcohol use.
- Lou Hyndman Edmonton Glenora Awards were presented to students Joanne Bishop and Chad Park for their commitment to the community and their leadership ability.

### In February...

- Mechanical Engineering students created mechanical means of detecting landmines, on behalf of the Defence Research Establishment at Suffield.
- Student Services continued to locate all of its offices under one roof at SUB.
- Three of four Charles S Noble Scholarships for Junior A Hockey were awarded to University of Alberta students Daniel Bokenfohr, Robert Niedzielski and Colin Ranger.
- Medical student James Wiedrick won a Magna for Canada Scholarship for his essay on what he would do as Prime Minister.



### In March...

- The Pandas won their third conference title in four seasons and became national champions for the second year in a row. Setter Miroslava Pribylova was selected MVP of both the CWUAA and CIAU and earned tournament all-star status. Team captain Christy Halat was also named a tournament all-star.
- The Golden Bears volleyball team captured its first national medal in 15 seasons, taking silver at the national tournament.
- Skip Heather Godberson led her team to the Canadian curling title and a berth at the world championships.
- Hundreds of Edmonton Grade 6 students participated in WISEST (Women in Scholarship, Engineering, Science and Technology) workshops and experiments during Reading Week.
- The University introduced an academic internship program to help fund graduate students for a minimum of 12 months, as a way of attracting talented and motivated grad students.
- Science student Nikhil Kembhavi won the 1995-96 Peter Lougheed Scholarship for leadership and academic excellence.

### In April...

- Graduate students organized a conference to detail the variety of research being done in environmental issues. The first of its kind, the conference attracted 250 people.

### In September...

- This year 69 CIAU Academic All-Canadians were attending the University of Alberta—more than any other Canadian university. The U of A logged the highest number in five of the six years of the program.

(left to right) Miroslava Pribylova,  
Heather Boyd and Kevin Robbie

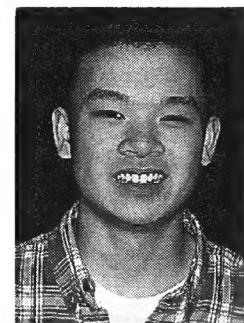


### In October...

- Over the last two years of the NSERC Industrial Post-graduate Scholarships program, University of Alberta students were awarded 20 scholarships, more than any other university in Canada.

### In November...

- The Pandas field hockey team won the Canada West Universities Athletic Association title and went on to take silver at the nationals in Victoria.
- Engineering student Tim Poon heard that his high school International Baccalaureate mark had been reviewed and moved up a point to a perfect 45. A perfect IB score is a rare thing—but Edmonton produced two this year and both students now attend the University of Alberta. The other student is Wynne Leung.
- The Lieutenant-Governor's Gold Medal in Science was awarded to Heather Boyd; the Gold Medal in Science was awarded to Samantha Bond; The Dean's Gold Medal in Science was awarded to Christopher Murray.
- Kevin Robbie, an electrical engineering PhD student, won the Russell and Sigurd Varian Fellowship, the American Vacuum Society's highest award.



Tim Poon



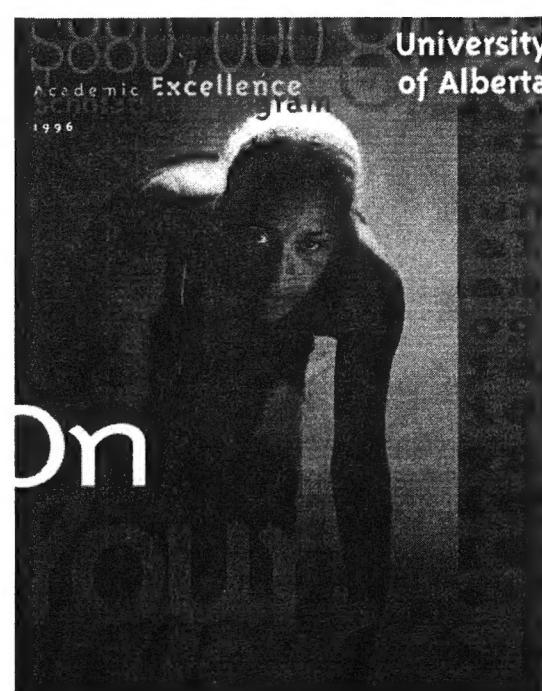
## Getting serious about student recruitment

The Registrar's Office and many Faculties stepped up their efforts to recruit outstanding students. Several sophisticated efforts paid dividends, resulting in the recruitment of some of Canada's top students. For example, early in 1996 the Faculty of Education visited Ontario and offered on-the-spot registrations to qualified students.

In May, the Registrar's Office sent a full-color poster "On Your Marks" to high schools across Canada, to let students know about the academic excellence scholarship program in Edmonton. The Science and Engineering Faculties placed student recruitment advertisements in Western Canadian newspapers to attract top students. Later in the year Brian Silzer, Associate Vice-President and

Registrar, visited Korea, Singapore and Hong Kong to meet with alumni, prospective students and educational institutions. And the University took steps to bolster its scholarship funding, in order to compete with other Canadian universities, many of which still offer first-year students more than the U of A.

While those external efforts were taking place, enrolment climbed over three per cent over last year, pushing student numbers back to levels close to those of 1993-94. Late in the year, Vice-President (Academic) Doug Owram said the University is just about full, in terms of the number of undergraduate students it could accommodate. While graduate student enrolment exceeded the 4,000 mark, University officials continued to stress the importance of recruiting more graduate students into a select number of departments.





# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## TIME FOR ACADEMIC STAFF TO BACK SUPPORT STAFF, SAYS READER

Dear Editor:

John Wevers deplores the privatization/outsourcing trend at the University of Alberta [Folio, 29 November]. I agree. The privatization of food services on campus is a perfect example of the University's willingness to hit its weakest and most vulnerable staff hardest. Food services workers don't have the clout that professors do.

Versa Food Services refuses to recognize NASA as the bargaining agent for its employees doubtless because it prefers not to deal with unions at all. Another postsecondary institution got rid of Versa and so can we.

It's about time that academic staff demonstrated some solidarity with our non-academic co-workers. A boycott of Versa food outlets on campus would be a good start.

Alan Rutkowski

## MUST WE PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL MACLEAN'S RANKING? READER ASKS

Dear Editor:

I have little criticism for *Maclean's* magazine itself. They're in the business of making money and I imagine that, each

November at least, they meet their performance targets!

But why do I gnash my teeth at my senior colleagues who run our university for taking

*Maclean's* so seriously? Shouldn't I just chill out a bit? I would, if it were just a harmless game. But I fear that our academic policy is being steered directly in accordance with a false but alluring beacon of hope, and that's going to run us aground eventually.

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of information; if we don't pay attention to *Maclean's*, it is at our own peril." Thus, a diatribe alone is not going to work; an alternative must be proposed.

So the source of my dismay comes not from the behaviour of the magazine, but rather from the idea that my senior colleagues are devaluating my image of what it means to be a scholar and a professor. How can we justify "academic freedom" as our right, when we abandon, even momentarily, our "academic integrity"? I take seriously the advanced degree conferred upon me by my alma mater. I take seriously the great privilege I have in being a professor at this University. I may be old fashioned in all this, but I take that seriously too.

The only way to illustrate adequately where I'm coming from is to quote some material from the last edition of *Folio*, 29 November. Read each item out loud. When you actually hear the words spoken, the impact will be scary.

- "Under some performance measurements, a university can move up or down a complete grade on the basis of a minuscule change in percentages or numbers. At the same time, *Maclean's* assigns a whopping 12 percent of total weight to that one performance category."
- "I think we should be in fifth spot, if it was an equal playing field and everyone responded in the same way."
- "Another bone of contention is that Alberta grades its high school students using standardized tests, whereas Ontario doesn't."
- "We've just come through three years of funding cuts, and those cuts have now ended. Other universities are just starting to go into the cycle, so I'm confident we'll see our ranking improve in the near future."

*US News and World Report* also conducts a ranking of American universities, and it seems as if I'm not the only opponent of this sort of exercise. I quote the following from *Flash Points*, a publication by the Council for the Support and Advancement of Education: "In a piece titled 'Academia's Rank Behaviour', Washington Post columnist Jonathan Yardley writes: 'The problem lies not in the *US News* but on the campuses, where administrators and admissions officers are falling all over each other in competition to scramble up the guide's rankings ladder. By granting so much import to the *US News* rankings, academia affords them a legitimacy they do not deserve.'

Students from five American universities, Stanford, Rice, Michigan, Pittsburgh and Albion College, have formed a coalition against *US News and World Report*. The leader of the coalition, Nick Thompson of Stanford University, said: "It's like ranking religions by their salvations versus eternal damnations."

So what can be done about all this? First, member institutions of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada could agree to withhold their data from *Maclean's*. This wouldn't even require 100 percent compliance as long as a few of the indisputably recognized universities could agree. AUCC might then collaborate with others in preparing a detailed guide to help Canadians know which universities are recognized for noteworthy teaching and scholarship in specific areas. I dare say that all of our universities would feature prominently somewhere or other in such a guide. It would be particularly useful for those students who are fortunate enough to have the opportunity of leaving their home town, and who wish to choose a university on some basis other than the toss of a coin. Such a guide might not be bedside reading, but would certainly gain widespread respect, and would demonstrate accountability in an unprecedented way to the public.

Ruben Kaufman

## WALTER HARRIS' LEGACY GOES FAR BEYOND THE U OF A, SAY READERS

Dear Editor:

In the 15 November issue of *Folio*, you published an article which described the legacy of Walter Harris, a key builder of the country's top analytical chemistry program. That article noted that three analytical chemists at the University of Alberta won major international awards within the space of seven days this fall. It then rightly noted that these awards come exactly 50 years after Dr Harris joined the campus staff, and went on

to describe the legacy of academic excellence that Walter established.

However, the article missed a second important aspect of Dr Harris' legacy. That Norm Dovichi, Gary Horlick and Jed Harrison would deflect the recognition stemming from their winning major awards to Walter speaks volumes of his legacy of character and integrity.

We are thankful of the legacies of both excellence and integrity that Walter Harris has passed on to us, the progeny of the analytical chemistry program at the University of Alberta. The recognition that your article gave Walter is only a small measure that is due this remarkable man. He is the kind of teacher that only comes along once in a lifetime.

George Agnes, Assistant Professor, Simon Fraser University

Peter Banks, Assistant Professor, Concordia University

Michael Blades, Professor, University of British Columbia

David Chen, Assistant Professor, University of British Columbia

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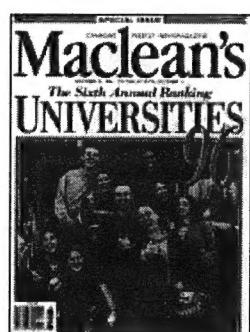
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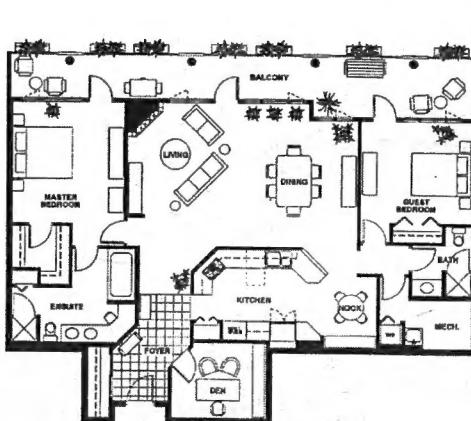
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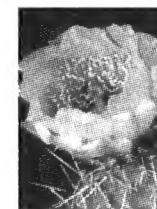
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To keep informed on course content and schedules please visit the academic area under the Training Web page at: <http://www.ualberta.ca/TRAINING/>

- **Jan 13, Basic Computer Fundamentals Course (Part 1) (CNS)**

*Technology starter session for people who have not worked with computers before. Keyboarding, mousing, file handling (creating, saving, directories, etc.), printing*

- **Jan 15, Computer Fundamentals Course (Part 2) (CNS)**

*Working with the Windows or Macintosh operating systems to install programs, customize the window and printer configurations. Requires basic computer knowledge or the Basic Computer Fundamentals Part 1 session.*

- **Jan 17, Information Resources:**

*Really Basic Online Catalogue Searching (Sandra Shores - Library)*

*This session covers the basics of searching The GATE: NEOS Libraries— Catalogue using InfoGate, including author, title, subject, keyword and reserve room searches, limiting searches and using borrower functions such as renewing your books online.*

- **Jan 20, Microsoft Word - Part 1 (Fern Ness - CNS)**

*This session addresses basic word processing concepts along with terminology, introduction to the Word Screen, using on-line help, and typing and editing text Pre-requisite is basic computer skills.*

- **Jan 22, Microsoft Word - Part 2 (Fern Ness - CNS)**

*Assumes basic word processing knowledge covered in Part 1 and will cover basic formatting, using wizards and templates, and printing.*

- **Jan 24, Microsoft Word - Part 3 (Fern Ness - CNS)**

*Assumes knowledge of word functions covered in Part 1 and 2. Will cover spell checking, search and replace, and borders and shading.*

- **Jan 27, Introduction to the Internet (Alex Nagorski - CNS)**

*This session is a basic introduction to the Internet, its architecture, and basic tools such as FTP, Telnet, News, E-mail, and Web Browsers. How to connect from the office and home will be discussed and explained. Pre-requisite is some computer knowledge.*

- **Jan 29, Introduction to Netscape (Alex Nagorski - CNS)**

*Netscape components and how to use them effectively will be the main focus. This includes personalizing Netscape, using bookmarks and using some of the Internet search tools. Pre-requisite is basic knowledge of the Internet.*

- **Jan 31, Electronic mail (CNS)**

*Some general concepts of electronic mail will be discussed but the focus will be on using Eudora and Netscape electronic mail. Personalizing email, using it effectively, mailing lists and filing will be covered. Pre-requisite is basic knowledge of the Internet.*



## TALKS

### ALBERTA HERITAGE FOUNDATION FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

19 December, 9:30 am

Mark Bothwell, professor, Department of Physiology and Biophysics, University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, "Talking Through Tubes: Anterograde and Retrograde Axonal Signaling by Neurotrophins." Presented by Anatomy and Cell Biology, 5-10 Medical Sciences Building.

### BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

19 December, 3:30 pm

David T Stuart, postdoctoral fellow, The Scripps Research Institute, Department of Molecular Biology, La Jolla, California, "How Transcriptional Controls Govern Cell Cycle Progression." This seminar is part of the Genetics 605 Seminar series. M-149 Biological Sciences Centre.

### BOTANY

16 December, 1 pm

Bernard Goffinet, "Circumscription and Phylogeny of the Orthotrichales (Musci)." M-145 Biological Sciences Centre.

### BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

18 December, 5:30 pm

Gary Faulkner and John Wolfaardt, Director, COMPRU, Misericordia Community Health Centre, "Head and Neck Reconstruction." 231 Civil-Electrical Engineering Building.

### ECONOMICS

7 January, 3:30 pm

James Smythe, University of York, "The Impact of the Physician-Patient Relationship on the Diffusion of Medical Advances." 8-22 Tory Building.

### ENGLISH

16 December, noon

Ina Ferris, Professor of English, University of Ottawa, "Translation from the Borders: Encounter and Recalcitrance in "Waverley" and "Clan-Albin"." L-3 Humanities Centre.

### WHAT'S UP DOC?

16 January, 12:15 pm

Doug Wahlsten, "Sex Differences in the Brain." City Room, City Hall.

Résumé

## POSITIONS

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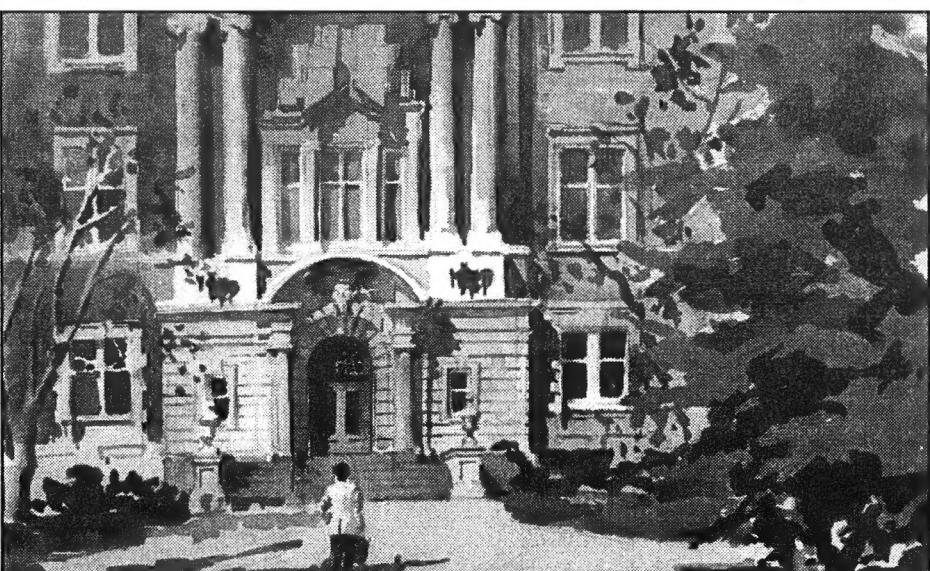
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Douglas Wilson, MD  
Interim Director  
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# Chinese library finds new home at HUB

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By David Holehouse

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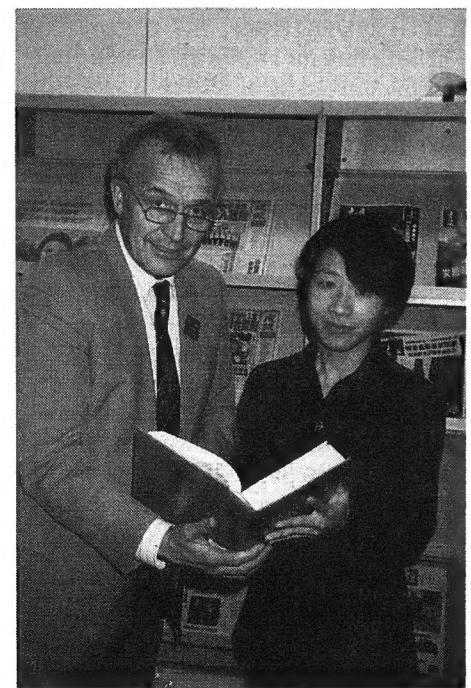
The library provides a new home for the books, which were kept at Rutherford South until library consolidation rendered the library homeless.

Mohammad Chamani, president of HUB Community Association, said the move was particularly appropriate since half the 850 students living in HUB are from overseas, and at least half of them are from Chinese and Asian backgrounds. The library and study space gives all students a safe, indoor place to study 24 hours a day throughout the year, he said.

Mr Chamani thanked the partnership of University administrators, Students Union, HUB representatives and the Chinese Library Association that made the new facilities a reality.

President Rod Fraser also said the event was a credit to the team of people involved. "My vision is that we are seen to be an international University, recognized as one of Canada's finest," he said. "To be that, we must have an environment in which every one of our international students feels welcome and can study in a safe and congenial atmosphere."

Housing and Food Services helped fund the \$30,000 library and study space. HFS Director David Bruch said planning for the new facilities encouraged his office to take another look at its long-term strategy for HUB. "Our strategy for the future now is a refocusing of resources into HUB," he said. "After conversations with the HUB Community Association we have started to do more, such as new computer systems for residents and new carpets. Next year will see a tremendous increase in financial resources returned back into HUB." ■



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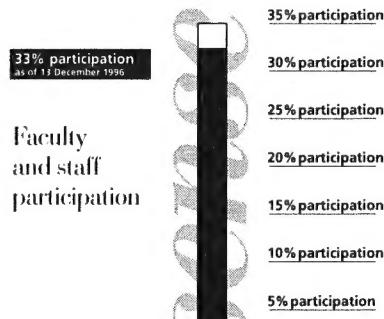
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Nominating documents should include:

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- 2) Two supporting letters from people who are familiar with the nominee's work.
- 3) A current Curriculum Vitae.
- 4) Any other supporting data as appropriate.

The deadline for receipt of all nomination documents is: 4:00 pm, 14 February 1997. Nomination forms should be obtained from and returned to:

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Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences  
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University of Alberta

### 1997-98 Killam Annual Professorships application process

Applications for the 1997-98 Killam Annual Professorships are now available. All regular, continuing, full-time, academic faculty members who are not on leave during 1997-98 are eligible to apply. Deans, Department Chairs and other senior University administrators shall not normally be eligible for Killam Annual Professorships. The eight Killam Annual Professors will be selected by a subcommittee of the Killam Trusts Committee; no more than two Professorships shall be awarded to staff members in any one Faculty. Each Killam Annual Professor shall be presented with a \$2500 prize and a commemorative scroll. The duties of Killam Annual Professors shall not be changed from those that they regularly perform.

The primary criterion for selection shall be a record of outstanding scholarship and teaching over three or more years, as evidenced by any or all of research, publications, creative activities,

presented papers, supervision of graduate students, and courses taught. The secondary criterion shall be a substantial contribution to the community beyond the university by linking the applicant's university responsibilities and activities to community needs and/or development.

Awards are tenable for twelve months commencing 1 July 1997. The completed application must be received in the Office of the Vice-President (Research and External Affairs) by **Friday 31 January 1997 at 4:30 pm**. The awardees shall be announced no later than Friday 9 May, and they will be formally recognized at the Killam Dinner in the autumn of 1997 which is hosted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research.

For further information and application forms please contact Katharine Moore, Executive Assistant, Office of the Vice-President (Research and External Affairs) by phone: 0868, fax: 3189, or email: katharine.moore@ualberta.ca. ■

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19 December

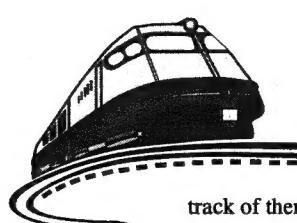
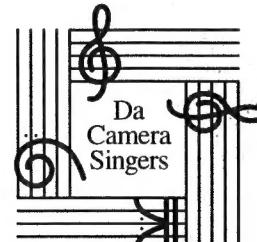
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